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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Francis Hodge (3) _____
(2) Rick Varcoe (4) _____

Date of Interview Aug 7, 2001Type: Telephonic Televideo Conference Personal (copy is given to applicant applicant's representative).Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: Yes No If yes, brief description: _____Agreement was reached. was not reached.Claim(s) discussed: 1Identification of prior art discussed: Takeshima & Cornelison

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: _____

Attorney stated that Takeshima uses an electric heater while Applicant does not instead relying on gas composition to control the temp. Will amend claim 1 to emphasize that.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

 It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

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Aug 7, 2001, interview

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 7, 12-14, 20, 21 and 23 in the following manner:

1 1. (Amended) An internal combustion engine arrangement comprising:
2 a spark-ignited internal combustion engine;
3 an exhaust line receiving exhaust gas from the internal combustion engine;
4 an oxide gas absorber in the exhaust line including a support member; and an
5 absorption layer on a surface of the support member having [an enlarged] a total surface
6 area which is larger than that of the underlying area of the support member accessible to
7 exhaust gas flowing through the exhaust line for reversible absorption of at least one
8 nitrogen oxide (NO_x) and/or at least one oxide of sulfur (SO_x); and,
9 a control unit means for controlling the temperature of the absorption layer by adjusting
10 ~~composition~~ parameters of the exhaust gas so that the absorption layer can be heated to a
11 temperature at which the layer is regenerated by desorbing absorbed NO_x or SO_x.

1 7. (Amended) An internal combustion engine arrangement according to claim 1
2 wherein the support member contains a plurality of parallel passages [having a closed
3 cross-section] through which exhaust gas can be passed and the absorption layer is on the
4 inside surface of the passages..

1 12. (Amended) An internal combustion engine arrangement according to claim 1
2 wherein the [enlarged] surface area of the absorption layer provides an area of at least
3 20 m² accessible to the exhaust gas per gram of the absorption layer.